

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 829 - HB 1200

March 7, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires each county court clerk to install and maintain the Tennessee Court Information System (TnCIS) by January 1, 2022. Requires implementation of TnCIS in the offices of court clerks be determined by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). Requires the AOC and offices of court clerks to make all reasonable efforts to secure federal funds for cost associated with TnCIS.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures – \$440,000/FY21-22
\$220,000/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years**

Increase Local Expenditures – \$56,100,000/FY21-22*

Assumptions:

- According to AOC, the Office is unaware of any federal funding available for costs associated with the proposed legislation; therefore, this analysis assumes such costs would be incurred by state and local government.
- Based on information provided by AOC, there are 8 counties with separate case management systems and 27 juvenile courts that do not utilize TnCIS.
- Counties currently pay for the preparation, installation, conversion, training, and hardware costs of their case management systems.
- The proposed legislation will result in a mandatory one-time increase in local expenditures in FY21-22 estimated to be \$56,100,000 to transition current systems into TnCIS.
- AOC maintains a maintenance contract to pay for updates and bug fixes for TnCIS.
- The proposed legislation will necessitate changes to the TnCIS maintenance contract and require a one-time increase in state expenditures in FY21-22 estimated to be \$440,000 to account for additional maintenance work associated with bringing additional users to TnCIS and a recurring increase in FY22-23 and subsequent fiscal years estimated to be \$220,000 to cover routine maintenance work for additional users.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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